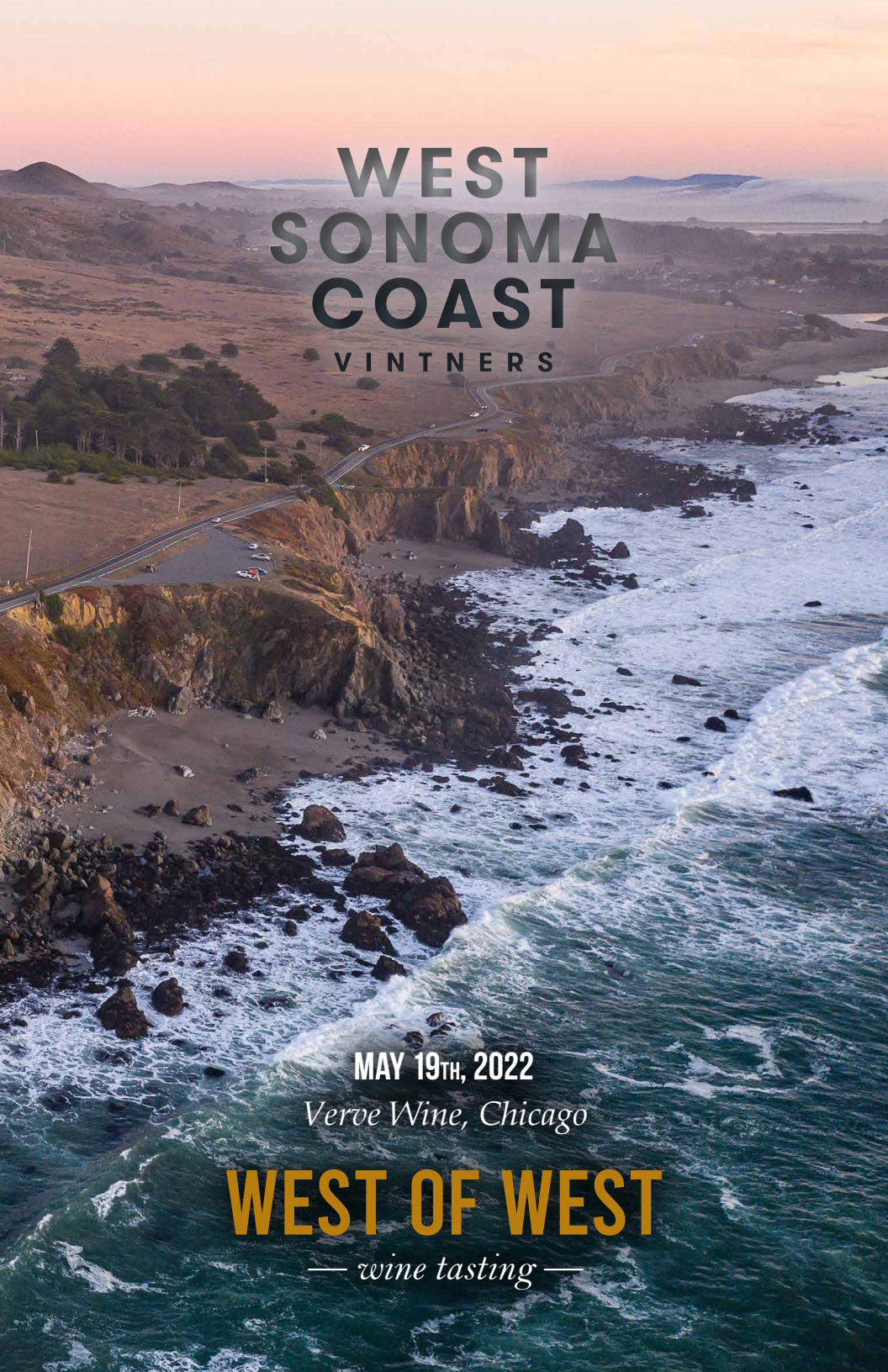
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WELCOME TO OUR WEST OF WEST WINE TASTING!

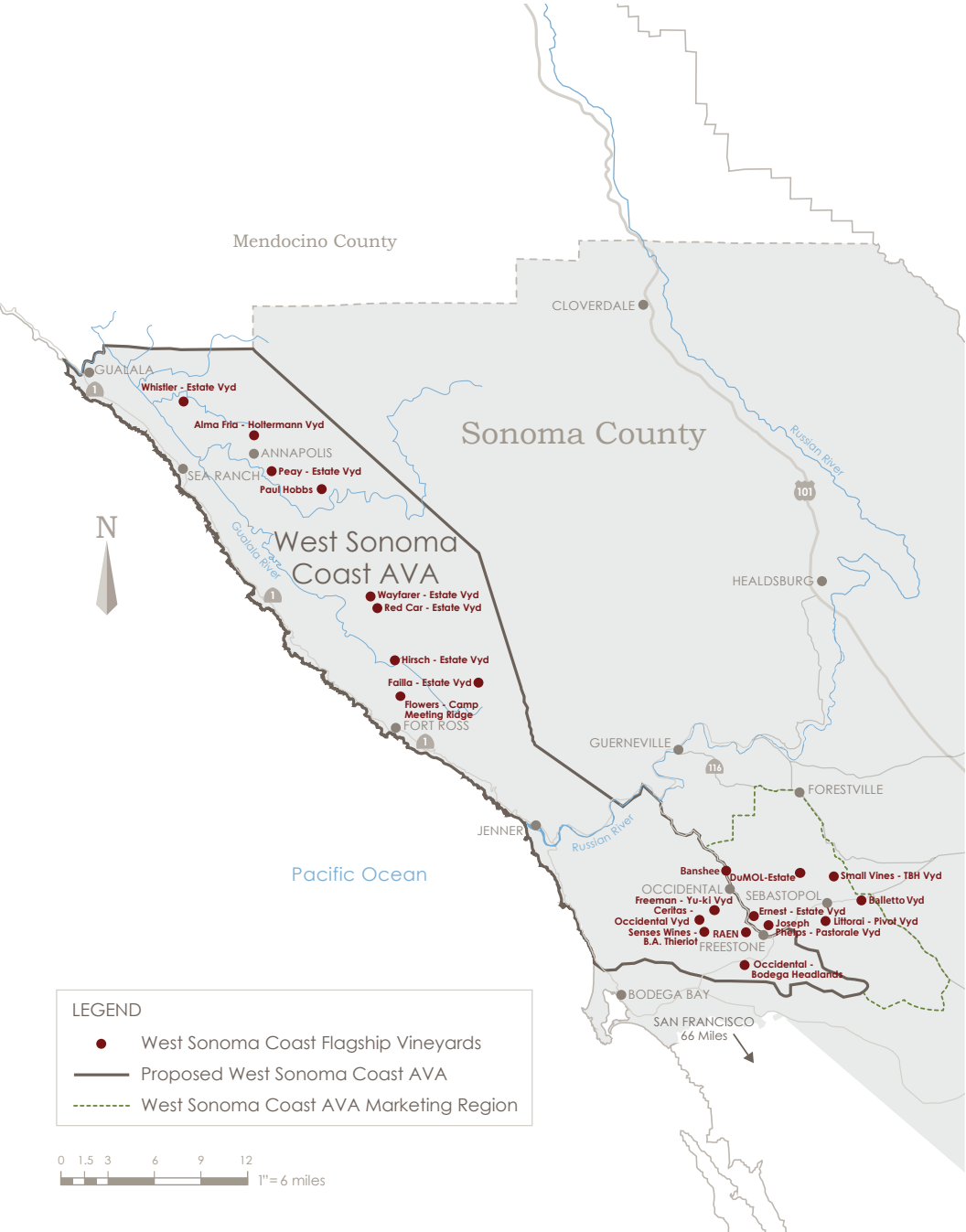
In the coming days, perhaps even before you come to this tasting, this collection of winegrowers and vintners from the far reaches of western Sonoma County hopes to have received the news that the West Sonoma Coast AVA has been approved by the US Treasury Department. For many years we have been working together to share the story of the distinctive wines from this, one of the most unique viticultural areas in the world.

The West Sonoma Coast Vintners (WSCV) exists to promote and preserve the culture, history, and climate of this rugged region. From the high-elevation ridges of Annapolis, Fort Ross-Seaview and Occidental to the lower coastal hills of Freestone, southwest Green Valley, and the Sebastopol Hills - the maritime influence of the very close, and perennially cool, Pacific defines the wines we make. Our complex geology and extremely varied topography and climate enrich a long growing season on the edge of viability for wine grapes. The resulting wines are inherently diverse and complex. We welcome your curiosity and enthusiasm about the West Sonoma Coast.

Thank you for joining us.

Ted Lemon
President, WSCV

WEST OF WEST SONOMA COAST MAP



BALLETTO VINEYARDS

Balletto Vineyards estate vineyards are located throughout the southeastern region of the Russian River Valley, where the ebb and flow of the Pacific Ocean fog provides the cool climate in which Pinot and Chardonnay thrive.

WINES

Pinot Gris 2021
Sexton Hill Chardonnay 2018
Sexton Hill Pinot Noir 2018

WEBSITE

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BLACK KITE CELLARS

Black Kite Cellars is a small, family-owned and operated winery dedicated to producing the finest Pinot Noir and Chardonnay using the best growing and winemaking practices applied to vineyards ideally situated for these classic Burgundian varietals.

When we started with our first vintage in 2003, we already loved great Pinot Noir and Chardonnay from Burgundy and California. Over the ensuing years we have learned that we are engaged in a journey, one that combines high aspirations with long term commitment, patience and fortitude. It is a process of striving for the best over a long period of time. We appreciate that many of the best wines in the world are produced by family-owned wineries that have been around for generations. We are dedicated to the journey, and aspire to making great Pinot Noir and Chardonnay for many years.

WINES

2019 Jasper Freestone Chardonnay
2019 Jasper Freestone Pinot Noir

WEBSITE

blackkitecellars.com

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ERNEST VINEYARDS

Founded in 2012 by Erin Brooks and Todd Gottula, Ernest Vineyards is an independent producer of small lot wines, with winemaker Joseph Ryan at the helm. Today, the "Ernest" in our name stands for more than one man. It's about integrity in the fruit we use and the people we know. It's about restraint and minimal intervention. Ernest Vineyards specializes in site-specific wines. We practice organic and regenerative farming at our cool-climate, coastal sites and adhere to a style that maximizes flavor ripeness while keeping sugars down and acidity high. The result: Wines that are pure expressions of the sites from which they came.

WINES

2019 Joyce Vineyard Chardonnay
2019 H. Klopp Vineyard Chardonnay, Bohemian Series
2019 Cleary Freestone Ranch Pinot Noir, Bohemian Series

WEBSITE

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FLOWERS VINEYARDS AND WINERY

More than 25 years ago, Flowers Vineyards and Winery pioneered the growing of Pinot Noir and Chardonnay on the rugged coastal ridges of the extreme Sonoma Coast. Founders Joan and Walt Flowers had a simple goal: to make exceptional wine that captures the beauty of the land and the spirit of the Sonoma Coast. Flowers is committed to stewarding the land using sustainable and organic practices at estate vineyards. All wines are made using 100% native yeast and minimal intervention winemaking. Flowers Estate Vineyards are located in the Fort Ross-Seaview AVA. Sea View Ridge was planted in 1998 with peak elevation of 1,872 feet an 1.8 miles from the Pacific Ocean. Camp Meeting Ridge was planted in 1991 at an elevation of 1,450 feet, 2.2 miles from the Pacific Ocean. Both are planted along ridgetops to a mix of Pinot Noir and Chardonnay clones.

WINES

2019 Camp Meeting Ridge Chardonnay
2019 Sea View Ridge Pinot Noir
2018 Camp Meeting Ridge Pinot Noir

WEBSITE

flowerswinery.com

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FREEMAN VINEYARD & WINERY

Located in the green, rolling hills of western Sonoma County, family-owned Freeman Winery is dedicated to expressing the purest essence of cool climate California Pinot Noir. Winemaker Akiko Freeman works with high quality fruit from estate vineyards and select growers in the rugged West Sonoma Coast, creating balanced wines of delicate refinement and beauty.

WINES

2019 Hawk Hill Chardonnay
2018 Yu-ki Estate Pinot Noir
2017 Akiko's Cuvee Pinot Noir

WEBSITE

freemanwinery.com

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GROS VENTRE

Gros Ventre Cellars is a small, family-owned winery operating out of Healdsburg, CA. We produce about 2000 cases of wine, including Pinot noir from the West Sonoma Coast. Our minimal approach in the cellar allows our eclectic whites and lighter reds reflect the diverse growing regions (Sonoma Coast, El Dorado, Central Coast) from which they are grown.

WINES

2019 Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir
2019 Campbell Ranch Pinot Noir
2019 First Born Pinot Noir

WEBSITE

grosventrecellars.com

SOCIAL MEDIA

@grosventrewines

LITTORAI WINES

The Littorai path flows from our dedication to producing wines of place, wines which reflect the genius of an individual site. Where some producers look to technology as the route to great wines, we focus on hands-on farming and working with Mother Nature.

WINES

2019 Charles Heintz Vineyard Chardonnay
2019 The Pivot Vineyard Pinot Noir
2019 The Haven Vineyard Pinot Noir

WEBSITE

littorai.com

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PAUL HOBBS

In 1991, pioneering winemaker Paul Hobbs established his namesake winery in Sebastopol, California. The winery exemplifies his vision and dedication to sustainability and his on-going quest to refine the art of winemaking with minimal intervention, yet meticulous care.

WINES

2019 Paul Hobbs Pinot Noir, Goldrock Estate

WEBSITE

paulhobbs.com

SOCIAL MEDIA

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PEAY VINEYARDS

Peay Vineyards is a family-run, certified-organic, estate winery started in 1996 by brothers Andy and Nick Peay and, winemaker, Vanessa Wong. We were pioneers in the Annapolis region of the West Sonoma Coast near Sea Ranch. The 53-acre vineyard lies at 600 feet elevation, 4 miles from the chilly Pacific Ocean. Our placement in the cold coastal inversion layer, a cooling afternoon ocean breeze, and our ancient marine soils allow us to produce wines of purity, intensity, and focus.

WINES

TRADE:
2019 Estate Chardonnay
2020 Sonoma Coast Estate Pinot Noir
2019 Ama Estate Pinot Noir
2019 Cep Estate Syrah

CONSUMER:
2019 Estate Chardonnay
2019 Ama Estate Pinot Noir
2019 Scallop Shelf Estate Pinot Noir
2019 La Bruma Estate Syrah

WEBSITE

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RED CAR WINE

Red Car farms five dramatic ridge-top vineyards in Occidental, Sebastopol, Freestone and Cazadero. This rugged terrain's soil and coastal influence provide perfect growing conditions for our hallmark style: perfumed aromatics, bright fruit, crisp texture and uplifting acidity. We are passionately committed to producing wines of purity and focus that express the authentic varietal character and terroir of our unique coastal vineyard sites.

WINES

2019 Heaven and Earth Pinot Noir, Sonoma Coast
2019 Estate Chardonnay, Fort Ross-Seaview
2018 Estate Syrah, Fort Ross-Seaview

WEBSITE

redcarwine.com

SOCIAL MEDIA

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SENSES WINES

Senses Wines specializes in Chardonnay and Pinot noir from world-class vineyards throughout the West Sonoma Coast and Russian River Valley AVAs. Founded in 2011, Senses Wines is a dream-come-true for three childhood friends from Occidental, Christopher Strieter, Max Thieriot, and Myles Lawrence-Briggs, who began by farming their families' vineyards. In partnership with legendary winemaker Thomas Rivers Brown, the team produces renowned single vineyard wines, of which the 2015-2018 vintages recently received 95+ points from Robert Parker's Wine Advocate and 95-99 points from Jeb Dunnuck in 2018-2019.

WINES

2020 Charles Heintz Chardonnay
2019 'Day One' (Estate) Pinot noir

WEBSITE

senseswines.com

SOCIAL MEDIA

@senseswines

SMALL VINES

Farmed and crafted by Husband-and-Wife team Paul and Kathryn Sloan -Small Vines Wines are 100% Estate Grown, exclusively from their unique high-density, organically and regeneratively farmed vineyards planted in the northern coastal regions of CA. Pioneering Vigneron, Paul Sloan innovated Grand-Cru, high-density growing methods from the Old-World and adapted them to California's coastal terroir to achieve concentrated, fresh-picked flavors and beautifully balanced wines.

WINES

2018 Sonoma Coast Chardonnay
2017 TBH Vineyard Sonoma Coast Chardonnay
2018 Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir
2017 TBH Vineyard Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir

WEBSITE

smallvines.com

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STRESSED VINES

It is said that “stressed vines make the best wines”. The harder the vines work to produce fruit, the more vibrant the flavor, the more balanced the acid and the smoother the tannins will be. All of our handcrafted single vineyard wines are sourced from some of the best vineyards in Sonoma County. Taste why Stressed Vines make better wine.

WINES

2020 Sonoma Coast Chardonnay
2019 Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir
2020 Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir

WEBSITE

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WAYFARER

Nestled beyond a ridgeline towering 1,000 feet above the Pacific Ocean, Wayfarer Vineyard is an oasis in a remote landscape of redwood forest and winding mountain roads. Wayfarer Pinot Noirs and Chardonnay hail from this single estate vineyard in Fort Ross-Seaview, West Sonoma Coast's most dramatic appellation.

WINES

2019 Wayfarer Estate Chardonnay,
Wayfarer Vineyard, Fort Ross-Seaview

2018 Wayfarer Estate Pinot Noir,
Wayfarer Vineyard, Fort Ross-Seaview

2019 Wayfarer Estate Pinot Noir,
Wayfarer Vineyard, Fort Ross-Seaview

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